



# *CITY COUNCIL*

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## *Public Works Committee*

**Monday, August 20, 2007**  
**Meeting Report**

**Attendance:** M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, J. Waltman

**Others City Staff Attending:** C. Jones, C. Kanezo

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Baez at approximately 6:30 p.m.

### **I. Vehicle Maintenance**

Mr. Jones reported he will be meeting with school district representatives on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Jones hoped to discuss the size of the district fleet at this meeting. Mr. Waltman asked what, if any, efficiencies were addressed having Public Works maintain school district vehicles. Mr. Jones thought it would save the district a certain cost, which would ultimately produce savings for the taxpayer. According to Mr. Jones, the City charges a shop rate of \$45.00 per hour; currently DID, the Reading Phillies, the Reading Library and Reading Parking Authority have their vehicles serviced.

Mr. Kanezo asked if a vehicle inventory would be prepared in time for the September meeting between Council and the School Board. Mr. Jones promised to provide a list in advance of the September meeting. Mr. Jones emphasized he still needs to verify if the City could provide the necessary service; the upcoming meeting would address the necessary concerns.

### **II. Street Lighting**

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz asked – on behalf of Councilman Fuhs – if the City had opened negotiations with AFSME regarding the outsourcing of street lighting operations. Mr. Jones stated a letter has been drafted, which lays out the position the Administration will be proposing to AFSCME. The letter is being reviewed by the Managing Director, once the letter is approved it will be sent to AFSCME officials. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz inquired how long negotiations might take. Mr. Jones replied that existing agreements with AFSCME require a minimum 90 day work out period. Mr. Jones committed to providing periodic status reports.

### **III. Hampden Park Tennis Court Resurfacing**

Mr. Jones reported the Courts will be resurfaced before the end of 2007. The cost of resurfacing will be supported with a combination of CDBG funds, private donations and a grant provided by the United States Tennis Association.

#### **IV. Park Rehabilitation Schedule**

Mr. Jones reported the following playground rehabilitation schedule:

Brookline – 2007

Baer Park – 2008

Hillside – 2008

City Park Phase II – 2008

Mr. Kanezo asked if the rehabilitations were following the schedule set out in the Park, Recreation and Open Space plan. Mr. Jones indicated that efforts were made to adhere to the PROS plan; however, changes were made as necessary.

*Respectfully submitted by Chris Kanezo, Deputy City Clerk*